

**MINUTES OF THE  
AUBURN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
March 19, 2013**

The regular session of the Auburn City Planning Commission was called to order on March 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Spokely in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Luebkehan, Vitas, Willick, Worthington & Spokely

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Will Wong, Community Development Director  
Reg Murray, Senior Planner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**A.** Annual Planning Commission priorities list discussion (*Continued from the hearing of March 5, 2013*)

Chair Spokely prefaced that this item had been continued from a prior hearing due to a lack of quorum by the Commission.

Planner Murray reviewed the Commission's current priorities and summarized the Community Development Department's projects list.

The Commission expressed their interest in identifying issues that would be manageable and achievable, with involvement by the Commission and minimal impact on staff.

The Commission expressed its interest in reviewing and understanding the City's current standards and to then work with staff in the consideration of new guidelines and standards.

Director Wong informed the Commission that the City Council may be considering an update to the General Plan in the near future. He noted that a General Plan update would likely also address some of the items from the current projects list (e.g. trails master plan).

The Commission reviewed the tasks on the projects list and the merits of moving forward with different priorities. The Commission decided to replace their former priorities with two new items -- hillside development guidelines and landscape guidelines. The Commission noted that hillside guidelines would involve both grading and development guidelines and emphasize residential standards. The Commission indicated its intent for the landscape guidelines to focus on non-residential standards and include issues as tree palettes, water use efficiency, and LID (low impact development) principles.

## **VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS**

### **A. City Council Meetings**

Director Wong informed the Commission that April 8<sup>th</sup> City Council hearing will include the Planning Commission's priorities recommendations as well as four ordinance amendments (i.e. emergency shelters, reasonable accommodation, residential care facilities, and single-room occupancy units) and the nominating process for historic resources.

### **B. Future Planning Commission Meetings**

Director Wong noted that the Commission will have a meeting on April 2, 2013.

### **C. Reports**

None

## **VII. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS**

The purpose of these reports is to provide a forum for Planning Commissioners to bring forth their own ideas to the Commission. No decisions are to be made on these issues. If a Commissioner would like formal action on any of these discussed items, it will be placed on a future Commission agenda.

Commissioner Worthington commented that the City will be featured in an upcoming Caltrans manual that provides guidance for main streets in Cities.

## **VIII. FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

Planning Commissioners will discuss and agree on items and/or projects to be placed on future Commission agendas for the purpose of updating the Commission on the progress of items and/or projects.

None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reg Murray, Senior Planner